

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision forcing their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary so strategically close to the presidential election is an outrageously clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. This is much more than just an opinion piece and if it is a documentary, then they must be compelled to present equivalent time for Kerry to choose his method of rebuttal. This seems to be knowingly placed close to the election!

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge. These are our airwaves. Sinclair is obligated by law to serve the public interest, not just its private views. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.